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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) An elastic nonwoven fabric containing a long elastomeric fiber and a long nonelastomeric fiber at a ratio ranging from 50/50 to 95/5 on a weight basis, wherein said long elastomeric fiber has an average diameter (Bd) of 5 to 40 μm , an elongation recovery rate of the elastic nonwoven fabric after 50% elongation is 70% or higher, a separation resistance of two sheets of the same is equal or less than the strength at 50% elongation, a ratio of Bd to an average diameter (Ad) of said long nonelastomeric fiber (i.e., the value of $Bd+Ad$) is no less than the value of 25/18, and the long elastomeric fiber and the long nonelastomeric fiber are manufactured with a melt-blowing method or a spunbonding method.

Claim 2 (canceled)

3. (original) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 1, wherein the said long elastomeric fiber comprises at least one of the group consisting of elastomeric polystyrenes and elastomeric polyolefins.

4. (previously presented) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 1, wherein the said long nonelastomeric fiber has an average diameter (Ad) of 1 to 20 μm .

5. (original) A laminated elastic nonwoven fabric manufactured by laminating at least one item chosen from the group consisting of a nonwoven fabric different from one according to claim 1, film, web, textile, knit and fiber bundle, to an elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 1.

6. (original) A fiber product which employs the elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 1.

7. (original) A fiber product which employs the laminated elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 5.

Claims 8-10 (canceled)

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11. (currently amended) An elastic nonwoven fabric containing a long elastomeric fiber and a long nonelastomeric fiber at a ratio ranging from 50/50 to 95/5 on a weight basis, spun with a melt-blowing method or a spunbonding method that uses spinnerets each having both a spinning hole for discharging elastomeric resin and another spinning hole for discharging nonelastomeric resin thereon, wherein an elongation recovery rate of the elastic nonwoven fabric after 50% elongation is 70% or higher, and a separation resistance of two sheets of the same is equal or less than the strength at 50% elongation.

12. (previously presented) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 11, wherein a ratio of an average diameter (Bd) of the long elastomeric fiber to an average diameter (Ad) of the long nonelastomeric fiber (i.e., the value of $Bd \div Ad$) is no less than the value of 25/18.

13. (new) An elastic nonwoven fabric according to claim 1, wherein the long elastomeric fiber and the long nonelastomeric fiber are manufactured with a melt-blowing method.